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Attention: Mr. Dennis Scovill

Attention: Mr. Robert Hom

Dear Mr. Scovill and Mr. Hom:

With this letter and under the authority granted to me by the Director in his delegation of June 29, 1994, I approve the following Amendment of the Southern California Association of Governments' (SCAG) 1996/97 to 1998/99 Federal Transportation Improvement Program (FTIP):

<u>No.</u>	<u>Description</u>
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96-04	State & Local Highway Elements
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Includes updates for all counties in the SCAG region. This Amendment also includes project additions and changes incorporated into the adopted 1996 State Highway Operation & Operation Program (SHOPP) Midcycle Revision and 1997 Traffic Systems Management Plan.

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This Amendment includes project changes for Los Angeles, Orange, San Bernardino, and Ventura Counties.

I am also recommending that the Federal Highway Administration and the Federal Transit Administration approve this FTIP Amendment for inclusion into California's 1996/97 to 1998/99 Federal Statewide Transportation Improvement Program (FSTIP).

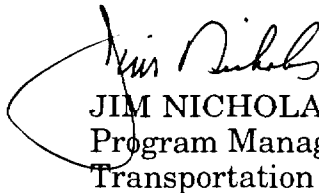
The updated programming is for project types within Table 2 - Exempt Projects, of 40 CFR § 51.160 that are exempt from the conformity determination requirement, or been found by the SCAG to conform to applicable air quality regulations. This FTIP Amendment is consistent with the State Implementation Plan. Unless discussed individually above, impacts to the FSTIP Financial Plan are minor and do not significantly affect the analysis. This FTIP Amendment does not adversely impact the FSTIP Financial Plan.

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In accordance with existing law, public involvement procedures are a part of the project selection process. The SCAG prepared this FTIP Amendment under that process permitting citizens, affected local agencies, other public agencies, and other interested parties reasonable opportunity for comment. This FTIP Amendment is exempt from the State Intergovernmental Review process.

Please address any questions on this FSTIP approval request to Kurt Scherzinger of my staff at (916)654-4843.

Sincerely,



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Enclosure

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